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Dear Ms. Wilson:

This is in response to your communication received 03 December 2003 requesting the status of U.S. application no. 09/308,725. The application is pending. A review of the application file reveals that you are not an agent of record in that application. Proof of authority in compliance with 37 CFR 1.34(a) is required for further information.

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